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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP FLOOD VICTIMS WITH HOUSING

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CONCORD, N.H. – Volunteers are needed to assist victims of last May's devastating flood develop plans for returning to permanent housing. Nearly 200 families are still facing a variety of housing problems and about two dozen have still not been able to return to their homes.

Volunteers will train as Housing Plan Advocates to assist flood victims with application procedures and other paperwork required by lenders and government agencies.

Training will take place at the office of N.H. Homeland Security and Emergency Management from 1-4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4. In addition to the three-hour training course, volunteers would be expected to commit to 2-3 hours per week for up to six months, or until a family is returned to their home.

The House Plan Advocate program is being organized by the Statewide Disaster Recovery Steering Committee in cooperation with N.H. Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

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